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REMARKS

Claims 4-14, 18-20, 27, and 39-41 are at issue. Claims 1-3, 15-17, 21-26, and 28-38 have been canceled.

Applicant files an Information Disclosure Statement herewith disclosing to the Examiner German Offenlegungsschrift DE 42 36 618 A1 as well as an English language translation of that German patent.

Applicant has rewritten former claim 3 as claim 39, former claim 17 as claim 40, and former claim 26 as claim 41.

Applicant believes that all claims, as amended, distinguish over the cited prior art as well as over German patent DE 42 36 618 A1.

Applicant submits that all claims as amended are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance thereof.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicant hereby petitions therefore and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, Baker & Daniels LLP.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding any of the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at 260/460/1698

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